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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/873,997	Applicant(s) KIM ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Declarations, filed 11/10/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Kondo and Lownes References are not considered prior art; therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of U.S. Patent 5,982,411 to Eyer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,002,394 to Schein in view of U.S. Patent 5,982,411 to Eyer.

Regarding claim 15, Schein discloses a method for displaying channel information on a digital television for receiving digital multi-channel television broadcasts (column 6, lines 37-41) comprising the steps of:

Displaying a channel select menu on a television screen in response to a demand from the user (Figure 17b, column 22, lines 47-61, Figure 16a, column 21, lines 20-30, 61-column22, line 1), wherein the channel select menu includes a scroll bar window 20 having a scroll bar moving area split into predescribed areas (up and down area and indicator of current place within the channel listings) so as to cover all received channels and includes a channel window for displaying channel numbers of partial channels corresponding to a position of the scroll bar (column 21, line 61-column22, line 1)

Determining if said scroll bar moves (column 21, lines 32-42, 61-65), and changing channel numbers on said channel numbers on said channel window to channel numbers of channels corresponding to a position of said scroll bar (column 21, line 61-column22, line 1, the channels listed in 506 change as the user scrolls).

Schein fails to disclose the use of major and minor channels.

Eyer discloses the use of major (primary channel) minor (secondary) channel numbers (column 5, lines 3-43, a user jumps from a major channel 10 to a minor channel 111 with successive channel increment commands) in a GUI environment (column 6, lines 56-67), major channel number allow minor channels to be group by a common programming service provider, or may be grouped by programming themes, or demographics (column 6, lines 22-34), thus allowing easy navigation of programming.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to modify Schein to utilize the major and minor channels of Eyer for the

advantage of enabling easy channel navigation by grouping channels by common program provider or by theme or demographics.

Regarding claim 16, Schein discloses determining if one of the channel numbers displayed on channel window 506 is selected (column 12, lines 19-31),

and if the channel number is selected selecting a channel of the selected channel number (column 21, lines 19-31).

Regarding claim 17, Eyer is relied upon to teach displaying the channel numbers corresponding to the minor channels without displaying the channel number corresponding to the major channel (column 8, lines 44-65, the major channel 10 may be selected and minor channels are referenced by the call letters ABC-#), display of channel numbers is shown at column 9, line 14-column 10, line 15.

Regarding claim 18, Eyer is relied upon to teach displaying the channel number corresponding to the minor channels (111-113) and the major channel 10 (column 5, lines 3-43), display of channel numbers is shown at column 9, line 14-column 10, line 15.

Conclusion

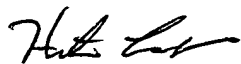
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hunter B. Lonsberry whose telephone number is 571-

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272-7298. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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